

REMEDICATION AND REDEVELOPMENT (RR) NEWS FROM WISCONSIN DNR
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SOIL GIS RULE SCHEDULE

The rule amendments that would create a geographic information system (GIS) registry for residual soil contaminants are proceeding. We expect to request rule adoption at the Natural Resources Board (NRB) meeting on April 23-24 in Madison. If the NRB approves the rule changes, and the Legislature also approves, the rules are likely to go into effect on September 1, 2002. A few changes to the proposed rule are being considered, in collaboration with the Department of Commerce, in response to public comments. We will post an updated rule proposal that shows these changes in two or three weeks, after members of the NRB have received these proposed changes. Here is the link to our web site with the original rule proposal. See "Proposed Revisions to Administrative Codes".

http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/wi_regs/index.htm

EPA AND HUD BROWNFIELDS TRAINING IN JULY

A week long training course, "Nuts and Bolts of Brownfields Redevelopment for Local Governments", is scheduled for the week of July 22-26, 2002, in Chicago. The training is sponsored by Region 5 of the US EPA and HUD, along with the University of Illinois at Chicago. To register, and for lodging information, call the UIC School of Public Health and ask for Marilyn or Tesa at 312-996-6904, or visit the following web site for an agenda and details:

<http://www.hud.gov/local/chi/chienv23.htm>

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR BROWNFIELDS 2002

Brownfields 2002: Investing in the Future, will be held this year from November 13-15 in Charlotte, North Carolina. This national conference addresses the redevelopment of rural and urban industrial and commercial sites that are abandoned or underused because of real or perceived contamination. Through its sessions, exhibits, and networking opportunities the conference will promote the exchange of information and best practices related to the revitalization of brownfields. For more information, please see this web site -

<http://www.brownfields2002.org/>

PLEASE WATCH YOUR FONT SIZES

RR Program project managers request that consultants use standard font sizes when submitting datatables. While we appreciate concise tables, we need to be able to read them. Consultants who are concerned about the size of pdf documents that will appear on the GIS Registry of Closed Remediation Sites may now use our "Guidance for Electronic Submittals for the GIS Registry of Closed Remediation Sites". This guidance outlines how to prepare documents for submittal on disk or CD-ROM. <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/archives/pubs/RR690.pdf>

MORE ABOUT RAILROADS, RIGHTS OF WAY AND GIS NOTIFICATIONS

Recently the "RR News" has carried information about notifying appropriate units of government when a site closure request is being made with groundwater ES exceedences in a right-of-way, as required by NR 726.05(2)(b)4. In addition, we have carried information about mapping contaminant plumes that have migrated onto railroad corridors. This continues to be a confusing topic, so DNR offers the following clarifications:

- HIGHWAYS: For state trunk, interstate and U.S. highways: The WI Department of Transportation has asked that all notifications of contamination in highway rights-of-way be directed to Shar Te Beest by email at sharlene.tebeest@dot.state.wi.us The subject line of the email should read: "Notification of Contamination within Right of Way". DOT will acknowledge receipt by return email, not by letterhead stationary. DOT requests that all notifications include the following information, in this order: County; Highway; Site Name; Site Address; BRRTS Number; PECFA Number; DNR FID Number; Owner's Name; Owner's Address; Consulting Firm; Consultant Contact; Consultant Address; Consultant Phone, Fax and E-mail; Soil contamination? yes or no; Depth to contaminated soil; Vertical extent of contaminated soil (from _ feet to _ feet below ground surface); Groundwater contamination? yes or no; Depth to water table; Description of the type(s) of contamination present; Brief summary of cleanup activity; Attachment with a current plume map for groundwater contamination; Attachment with a current plume map for soil contamination. Maps may be submitted as attachments to the email. DOT prefers attachments that are Adobe Acrobat pdf or MS Word documents. If the highway is also a city street, the city should also be notified.

- LOCAL ROADS: The rule provisions are the same as for state highways, but the responsible party (RP) or consultant needs to identify the appropriate local contact for each right-of-way. Then send a simple notification similar to the WI DOT format. A letter in the format of Appendix A of NR 726 is not required.

- RAILROADS: The process for railroad corridors is basically the same as the process for highways and roads. For plumes that have migrated onto railroad corridors, the RP should notify the railroad of the contamination, and should submit a map to DNR that shows both the source property and the portion of the rail corridor where groundwater contamination has migrated. This notification can be in the same format as a notification to the WI DOT. The notification does not need to be a letter that conforms to the requirements in Appendix A of NR 726. We no longer recommend that consultants obtain a letter from the railroad on letterhead paper that refers to an attached copy of the map and states that the railroad owns the rail corridor shown on the map. Simply notify the railroad of the contamination in their rail corridor.

- PRIVATE PROPERTY: When sending a letter to a private property owner per the requirements of Appendix A of NR 726, consultants should remember that certified letters can not be delivered to a post office box address. If a certified letter is properly mailed to a street address, but the post office returns the letter after attempting to deliver it, the RP should re-send the letter as priority mail with a request for delivery confirmation rather than signature confirmation. This way the post office will be able to provide the RP or consultant with confirmation of the date that the letter was delivered without requiring the recipient to sign for the letter.

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